JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) No specific information is available in regard to Police uncooperativeness in sexual harassment cases at work place.

(c) According to the information furnished by the Department of Women and Child Development in the Ministry of Human Resources Development, the National Commissison for Women is in the process of drafting a Bill on sexual harassment of women at their work place in consultation with State Commissions for Women and Non Governmental Organisations.

Maulana Azad Education Foundation

3980. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation;

(b) the corpus fund of the Foundation created at initial stage and contributions made thereto subsequently upto 2001-2002, year-wise;

(c) whether any allocations have been made for the Foundation for the first year of the Tenth Plan i.e. 2002-2003; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the funds earmarked for the Foundation under the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) The aims and objectives of the Foundation is to formulate and implement educational schemes and plans for the benefit of the educationally backward minorities in particular and weaker sections in general. The Foundation provides financial assistance:—

(i) for establishment/construction/expansion of schools residential schools/hostels specially for girls belonging to educationally backward minorities.

(ii) for setting up/strengthening of vocational/technical training centres for educationally backward minorities.

(iii) for remedial coaching for the students belonging to educationally backward minorities.

(b) So far, a sum of Rs. 70.01 crores has been released in three

instalments to the Maulana Azad Education Foundation towards its corpus fund, as per details given below:

(i) Rs. 5.00 crore on 29.3.1993

(ii) Rs. 25.01 crore on 31.3.1995

(iii) Rs 40.00 crore on 29.8.1997

(c) No allocation for the Foundation was made in 2002-03, as the scheme had been weeded out by the Planning Commission.

(d) A sum of Rs. 30.00 crore has been earmarked for the Foundation under the Tenth Five Year Plan in order to bring the corpus fund to Rs. 100 crore.

Increasing the unit cost under National Scheme for Scavengers

3981. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the unit cost from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 5,00,000 under National Scheme for Scavengers and their dependents;

(b) if so, how many units have been sanctioned in the revised rates to the States, State-wise; and

(c) how many units have been requested by the Government of Karnataka for the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of Karnataka had requested for assistance for the liberation of 3861 scavengers during the year 2001-2002.

Setting up of a National Trust for Welfare of Mentally Retarded Persons

3982. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a National Trust for the Welfare of persons with mental retardation and other disabilities; and